

In the Claims

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1 1. [Currently amended] A method for creating a valid
2 chart of accounts from which an administrator of a local
3 enterprise can facilitate and enable a requisitioner to
4 select a valid general ledger account, comprising the steps
5 of:

6 establishing a communication link with an external
7 enterprise catalog computer system to build an
8 appropriate chart of accounts in an electronic storage
9 device for a given company;

10 transmitting from said enterprise catalog computer
11 system a chart of accounts with descriptions to a
12 requisition catalog computer system database in a local
13 enterprise specified format;

14 administrator selecting from said requisition catalog
15 computer system database valid accounts with
16 descriptions for a given commodity and purchase period
17 for said given company, said description mapping
18 account codes selected by said administrator to a given

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19 commodity code from an associated accounting computer
20 system for use by a requester to select the correct
21 general ledger account when doing financial validation
22 on a requisition for said commodities; [[and]]

23 administrator then associating a selected
24 account/description tuple with company commodity groups
25 for use in a requisition creation process; and

26 upon said requester selecting a commodity from a
27 commodity description document presenting said
28 commodity codes and initiating a proceed to accounting
29 process, presenting to said requisitioner a financial
30 worksheet with valid general ledger accounts numbers
31 and descriptions for selection by said requisitioner.

1 2. [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 the steps of:

3 requisitioner searching against commodities and
4 catalogs in commodity description documents and
5 responsive thereto, creating one or more line items.

1 3. [Original] The method of claim 2, further comprising

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2 the steps of:

3 administrator creating a company commodity document
4 including for each commodity code under each company, a
5 commodity category code, a short description, a long
6 description, key words, approvers, financial
7 information, route-to buyer by plant association,
8 preferred supplier, special handling codes all usable
9 for enabling customer selection of a correct commodity;

10 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting
11 process, which displays line items which may be
12 selected by said requisitioner; and

13 displaying an agent created financial worksheet with
14 fields which need to be selected or populated by
15 requisitioner derived from company commodity document,
16 based on purchase type, thereby presenting valid
17 general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions to
18 said requisitioner.

4-14. [Canceled]

1 15. [Currently amended] A computer program product or

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2 ~~computer program element for creating a valid chart of~~
3 ~~accounts from which an administrator of a local enterprise~~
4 ~~can facilitate and enable a requisitioner to select a valid~~
5 ~~general ledger account executing the steps, said computer~~
6 ~~program product~~ comprising:

7 a computer readable medium;

8 first program instructions to establish establishing a
9 communication link with an external enterprise catalog
10 computer system to build an appropriate chart of
11 accounts for a given company;

12 second program instructions to transmit transmitting
13 from said enterprise catalog system a chart of accounts
14 with descriptions to a requisition catalog computer
15 system database;

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17 third program instructions to enable an administrator
18 selecting to select from said requisition catalog
19 computer system database valid accounts with
20 descriptions for a given commodity and purchase period,
21 said description mapping account codes selected by said
22 administrator to a given commodity code from an

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23 associated accounting computer system for use by a
24 requester at a computer terminal to ~~select the~~ select a
25 correct general ledger account when doing financial
26 validation on a requisition for said commodities;
27 [[and]]

28 fourth program instructions to enable said
29 administrator to then ~~associating~~ associate a selected
30 account/description tuple with company commodity groups
31 for use in a requisition creation process; and

32 fifth program instructions, responsive to upon said
33 said requester selecting a commodity from a commodity
34 description document, to present ~~presenting~~ said
35 commodity codes, ~~and initiating~~ initiate a proceed to
36 accounting process, ~~presenting~~ and to present to said
37 requisitioner a financial worksheet with valid general
38 ledger accounts numbers and descriptions for selection
39 by said requisitioner; and wherein

40 said first, second, third, fourth, and fifth program
41 instructions are recorded on said medium.

1 16. [Canceled]

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2 17. [Currently amended] The ~~program storage device~~
3 computer program product of claim 15, ~~said method steps~~
4 further comprising:

5 sixth program instructions to enable said administrator
6 creating to create a company commodity document
7 including for each commodity code under each company, a
8 commodity category code, a short description, a long
9 description, key words, approvers, financial
10 information, route-to buyer by plant association,
11 preferred supplier, and special handling codes all
12 usable for enabling customer selection of a correct
13 commodity;

14 seventh program instructions responsive to said
15 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting
16 process, ~~which displays~~ to display at a computer
17 terminal line items which may be selected by said
18 requisitioner; and

19 eighth program instructions to display at said computer
20 terminal displaying an agent created financial
21 worksheet with fields which need to be selected or
22 populated by requisitioner derived from said company

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23 commodity document, based on purchase type, thereby
24 presenting valid general ledger accounts numbers and
25 descriptions to said requisitioner at said computer
26 terminal; and wherein

27 said sixth, seventh, and eighth program instructions
28 are recorded on said medium.

1 18. [Currently amended] The computer program product ~~or~~
2 ~~computer program element~~ of claim 15, ~~said steps~~ further
3 comprising:

4 sixth program instructions responsive to said
5 requisitioner searching against commodities and
6 catalogs in commodity description documents ~~and~~
7 ~~responsive thereto, creating~~ to create one or more line
8 items; and wherein

9 said sixth program instructions are recorded on said
10 medium.

1 19. [Currently amended] The computer program product ~~or~~
2 ~~computer program element~~ of claim 18, ~~said steps~~ further
3 comprising:

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4 seventh program instructions for enabling said
5 administrator ~~creating to create~~ a company commodity
6 document including for each commodity code under each
7 company, a commodity category code, a short
8 description, a long description, key words, approvers,
9 financial information, route-to buyer by plant
10 association, preferred supplier, and special handling
11 codes all usable for enabling customer selection of a
12 correct commodity;

13 eighth program instructions responsive to said
14 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting
15 process, ~~which displays to display~~ line items which may
16 be selected by said requisitioner; and

17 ninth program instructions displaying to display at
18 said computer terminal an agent created financial
19 worksheet with fields which need to be selected or
20 populated by said requisitioner derived from company
21 commodity document, based on purchase type, thereby
22 presenting valid general ledger accounts numbers and
23 descriptions to said requisitioner; and wherein

24 said seventh, eighth, and ninth program instructions

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25 are recorded on said medium.

1 20. [Currently amended] The method of claim 3, further
2 comprising the steps of:

3 displaying to said administrator an accounting computer
4 system generated chart of accounts, said chart
5 including for each account an account identifier and
6 commodity description;

7 responsive to administrator selection, associating a
8 selected commodity description and account identifier
9 with a company commodity group document together with
10 information enabling said requisitioner to select a
11 correct commodity.

1 21. [Previously presented] The method of claim 20, said
2 information including commodity description, approvers,
3 general ledger account, route-to buyer, and preferred
4 supplier.

1 22-23. [Canceled]

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